



## Crucial time for Biden's huge government-reshaping bill

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Free pre-kindergarten and child care subsidies for families with small children. Dental care and hearing aids for seniors with Medicare. Infrastructure improvements in every state.

There's a lot in President Joe Biden's \$3.5 trillion government-reshaping plan, and it's hitting a tumultuous time. With Republicans solidly opposed, Democrats are rushing to trim the total and finish up the big package, an enormous undertaking with consequences certain to shape Biden's presidency and their own political futures.

Success would mean a landmark accomplishment. Failure could end careers.

All this, as other deadlines swirl this week to pay for government operations and allow more borrowing or risk a devastating federal shutdown or debt default — though those dire scenarios appear unlikely.

"You know me, I'm a born optimist," Biden told reporters Monday, as he rolled up his sleeve for a COVID-19 booster shot. "We're gonna get it done."

What's at stake? "Victory is what's at stake."

While a series of votes are being lined up in the House and Senate, the real action is unfolding behind the scenes. Biden is personally calling lawmakers in an effort to resolve differences and bring his sweeping domestic policy vision forward.

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., right, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, left, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., update reporters on Democratic efforts to pass President Joe Biden's "Build Back Better" agenda, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021.

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**President Joe Biden receives a COVID-19 booster shot during an event in the South Court Auditorium on the White House campus, Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, in Washington.**

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He said Monday he was planning to have more talks on possible steps forward in the evening and Tuesday.

Ticking off the weighty list of goals to accomplish, Biden said: "If we do that, the country's going to be in great shape."

Biden and his Democratic allies in Congress are seeking a once-in-a-generation reworking of the nation's balance sheets — asking corporations and the wealthy to pay more taxes and then investing that money back into federal programs for Americans young and old.

Building on a \$1 trillion bipartisan public works package that's already cleared the Senate and is heading for a House vote, Biden is seeking major spending for health care, education and efforts to tackle climate change. The total price tag, he contends, is actually "zero" — covered by the expected increase in tax revenue.

But Republicans say it's real spending that can't be afforded, and a reflection of the Democrats' drive to insert government into people's lives.

And so far, the bill is also too big for key Democrats whose votes are needed in the face of the GOP opposition. Democratic leaders are working furiously to trim back the \$3.5 trillion proposal to win votes.

Thursday is a new deadline of sorts, as Congress

also must pass legislation to keep routine government operations going past the fiscal yearend and renew transportation programs in the public works bill.

"Let me just say, it's an eventful week," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi understated Sunday on ABC. More immediately, the Senate set a test vote for late Monday to keep the government funded and avert a federal debt default before Thursday's fiscal yearend deadline. That measure stood to run into a blockade by Republican senators — ensuring lawmakers would have to try again later in the week.

Biden, Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer won some breathing room after Pelosi postponed Monday's planned vote on the public works bill to Thursday.

The more difficult action now lies in the Senate, as Democrats are under pressure to amass the votes for Biden's bigger, \$3.5 trillion package.

Two Democratic holdouts, Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have said they won't support a bill of that size. Manchin has previously proposed spending of \$1 trillion to \$1.5 trillion. With all Republicans opposed, Democratic leaders can't spare a single vote in the 50-50 Senate, relying on Vice President Kamala Harris to break a tie to pass the eventual package.

Biden's proposal is to be paid for by increasing the corporate tax rate, from 21% to 26.5% on businesses earning more than \$5 million a year, and raising the top rate on individuals from 37% to 39.6% for those earning more than \$400,000 a year, or \$450,000 for couples.

But Pelosi said Sunday it seems "self-evident" that the price tag will come

down to meet the concerns of remaining lawmakers.

"We'll see how the number comes down and what we need," she added. "I think even those who want a smaller number, support the vision of the president, and this is really transformative."

Her comments reflected the enormous stakes for the coming week, one that could define the Biden presidency and shape the political contours of next year's midterm elections.

Democrats have only a few votes to spare in the House for Biden's massive agenda. Some Republican senators did back the \$1 trillion public works bill, but now House Republicans are objecting, saying it is too much.

While progressives say they have already compromised enough on Biden's big bill, having come down from a bill they originally envisioned at \$6 trillion, some are also acknowledging the more potential changes.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., who heads the Congressional Progressive Caucus, didn't rule out additional cuts to the \$3.5 trillion proposal to reach agreement.

"If somebody wants to take something out, we need to hear what that is," she said. The House Budget Committee on Saturday advanced a first version of the \$3.5 trillion, 10-year bill, though one Democrat voted "no," illustrating the challenges party leaders face.

The overall bill embodies the heart of Biden's top domestic goals, with billions for rebuilding infrastructure, tackling climate change and expanding or introducing a range of services, from free prekindergarten and child tax breaks to dental, vision and hearing aid care for older Americans. □

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# Biden rule to shield 'Dreamers' seeks to bypass Congress

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Biden administration on Monday renewed efforts to shield hundreds of thousands of immigrants who came to the United States as young children from deportation, the latest maneuver in a long-running drama over the policy's legality.

The administration proposed a rule that attempts to satisfy concerns of a federal judge in Houston who ruled in July that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was illegal, largely because the Obama administration bypassed procedural requirements when it took effect in 2012. The new rule mirrors the Obama-era initiative, recreating the 2012 policy and seeking to put it on firmer ground by going through the federal regulatory process.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen, an appointee of President George W. Bush, said the Obama administration overstepped its authority and did not properly seek public feedback. He allowed for renewals to continue but prohibited new enrollments. The Biden administration is appealing. The 205-page proposal solicits public feedback to address Hanen's concern, though it is unclear if that would be enough. The proposed regulation will be published Tuesday in the Federal Register, triggering a 60-day comment period and ensuring that it is unlikely to take effect for several months.

The office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who challenged DACA with eight other states before Hanen, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Obama administration created DACA with a memo issued by then-Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. It was intended as a stopgap measure until Congress legislated a permanent solution, which never occurred. And because DACA isn't



In this Sept. 5, 2017 file photo, several people gathered on the plaza of the J.J. Pickle federal Building to protest President Donald Trump's decision to rescind DACA.

the product of legislation, it falls into a category of policies that can more easily be changed from one administration to the next. President Donald Trump tried to rescind the DACA memo and end the program, but the Supreme Court concluded he did not go about it properly. In attempting to shore up DACA through a formal rule — which is a more rigorous process than the original memo, though still not legislation — the Biden administration hopes to gain a legal stamp of approval from the courts.

It seems possible, if not likely, that the Supreme Court will once again be called upon to weigh in, unless Congress acts first.

The Biden administration's move comes as congressional Democrats struggle to include immigration provisions in their 10-year, \$3.5 trillion package of social and environment initiatives. Language in that bill helping millions of immigrants remain permanently in the U.S. has been a top goal

of progressive and pro-immigration lawmakers, and Democrats cannot afford to lose many votes.

But the Senate's nonpartisan parliamentarian said earlier this month the immigration provisions couldn't remain in the sweeping bill because it violated the chamber's budget rules. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas called again on Monday for Congress to act swiftly to provide "the legal status they need and deserve."

"The Biden-Harris Administration continues to take action to protect Dreamers and recognize their contributions to this country," said Mayorkas, using a commonly used term for immigrants who came to the U.S. with their parents as young children. "This notice of proposed rulemaking is an important step to achieve that goal."

Some pro-immigration advocates echoed Mayorkas' view that the onus is on Congress.

"A more formalized version of DACA will stabilize

the lives of DACA-eligible Dreamers but legislative action is still needed to fully solidify DACA recipients' contributions, expand protections to other Dreamers and build a pathway to permanent legal status,"

said Ali Noorani, president of the National Immigration Forum. "Formalizing DACA is a positive step, but it's not a permanent fix."

The Democratic-run House passed legislation earlier this year creating a way for Dreamers to become legal permanent residents, but the bill has gone nowhere in the Senate, where Republicans have blocked it and bipartisan talks have stalled. The Senate parliamentarian's ruling further dampened legislative prospects. Advocates have said they would present alternative immigration provisions in hopes they would be permitted in the bill, but it's not clear that would succeed.

Stephen Yale-Loehr, a professor of immigration law practice at Cornell Law School, said the administration's proposal carries no major changes and "is an effort to bulletproof the existing program from litigation challenges."

The proposal adheres to the same criteria, which include arriving in the country before age 16, continuously residing in the United States since arrival and being in the country on June 15, 2012.

Since 2012, more than 825,000 immigrants have enrolled in DACA. □

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# Alabama trying to use COVID relief funds for new prisons

By **KIM CHANDLER**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)**

— Facing a Justice Department lawsuit over Alabama's notoriously violent prisons, state lawmakers on Monday began a special session on a \$1.3 billion construction plan that would use federal pandemic relief funds to pay part of the cost of building massive new lockups.

Gov. Kay Ivey has touted the plan to build three new prisons and renovate others as a partial solution to the state's longstanding troubles in its prison system. The proposal would tap up to \$400 million from the state's \$2.2 billion share of American Rescue Plan funds to help pay for the construction.

"I am pleased and extremely hopeful that we are finally positioned to address our state's prison infrastructure challenges," the Republican governor said in a statement last week. "While this issue was many years in the making, we stand united to provide an Alabama solution to this Alabama problem."

But critics of the plan say the state's prison problems go beyond building conditions and that the state should not be using pandemic relief dollars to build prisons.



In this July 29, 2020 file photo, Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey speaks during a news conference in Montgomery, Ala.

"This week, the Alabama Legislature plans to spend \$400 in American Rescue Plan funds — money intended to help your local schools, get your kids into affordable childcare, provide a lifeline to your small business, or assist your struggling rural hospital — to build two new mega-prisons. Not only is this a poor decision, it robs our communities of the money they desperately need to rebuild after 18 months of the pandemic," said Katie

Glenn, a policy associate with the SPLC Action Fund, an arm of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The Alabama prison construction proposal calls for at least three new prisons — a prison in Elmore County with at least 4,000 beds and enhanced space for medical and mental health care needs; another prison with at least 4,000 beds in Escambia County; and a women's prison — as well as renovations to existing facilities.

President Joe Biden's sweeping \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 rescue package known as the American Rescue Plan was signed in March, providing a stream of funds to states and cities to recover from the pandemic. The program gives broad discretion to states and cities on how to use the money.

Republican legislative leaders said they are comfortable they can legally use the funds because the American Rescue Plan, in

addition to authorizing the dollars for economic and health care programs, says states can use the money to replace revenue lost during the pandemic to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.

Ivey and GOP legislative leaders have defended the use of the virus funds, saying it will enable the state to essentially "pay cash" for part of the construction and avoid using state dollars as well as paying interest on a loan.

"We don't have to borrow quite as much money and pay all that money back," Ivey told reporters last week as she defended using virus funds for prison construction.

The Department of Justice last year sued Alabama, saying the state prisons for men are "riddled with prisoner-on-prisoner and guard-on-prisoner violence." The lawsuits came after the Justice Department issued reports describing a culture of violence and listed a litany of incidents including a prison guard beating a handcuffed prisoner in a medical unit while shouting, "I am the reaper of death, now say my name!" as the prisoner begged the officer to kill him. □

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# Ex Idaho lawmaker charged with rape is arrested in Georgia



In this April 28, 2021 file photo, State Rep. Aaron von Ehlinger, R-Lewiston, listens during a hearing at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise, Idaho.

**Associated Press**

By **REBECCA BOONE**

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — A former Idaho state lawmaker charged with rape earlier this month has been arrested in Georgia.

Aaron von Ehlinger is being held without bond in the Clayton County, Georgia jail on a "fugitive from justice" charge, according to court records. He was ar-

rested Saturday in connection with the Idaho warrant, which charges him with rape and sexual penetration with a foreign object. Von Ehlinger was a Republican state representative from Lewiston, Idaho when a 19-year-old legislative intern reported that he brought her to his apartment under false pretenses and raped her. At the time, von Ehlinger denied all wrongdoing and maintained he had consensual sexual contact with the woman. The AP doesn't name people who report sexual assault unless they agree to be publicly named.

A legislative ethics committee, however, found that von Ehlinger engaged in

"behavior unbecoming" and said they would support a vote to remove him from the Idaho Statehouse. Von Ehlinger resigned from office before the vote was held.

The Idaho warrant, issued Sept. 9, would have allowed him to be freed after his arrest as long as he posted bond. But von Ehlinger did not turn himself in over the subsequent two weeks. The details surrounding von Ehlinger's arrest in Georgia were not immediately released. Von Ehlinger made his first court appearance on the fugitive from justice charge Monday, when a judge denied him bond.

Online court records do not show if von Ehlinger has obtained an attorney, and

he couldn't be reached for comment.

Georgia's fugitive from justice charge is frequently used for extradition cases, when a person is charged with a crime in one state and arrested in another. Defendants can either agree to be sent back to the state where the original charge was filed, request a hearing on the matter or ask to be released on bond. Generally, the state where the original charge was filed has about 30 days to retrieve the defendant, but sometimes that timeline is extended.

If he is convicted of the charges in Idaho, von Ehlinger could face up to life in prison and be required to register as a sex offender. □



# ICC prosecutor seeks to resume Afghanistan war crimes probe

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court sought urgent clearance Monday from the court's judges to resume investigations of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Afghanistan, saying that under the country's new Taliban rulers "there is no longer the prospect of genuine and effective domestic investigations" in the country.

Judges at the global court authorized an investigation by Prosecutor Karim Khan's predecessor, Fatou Bensouda, in March last year. The probe covers offenses allegedly committed by Afghan government forces, the Taliban, American troops and U.S. foreign intelligence operatives dating back to 2002.

The decision to investigate Americans led to the Trump administration slapping sanctions on Bensouda, who left office over the summer at the end of her nine-year term. The investigation was deferred last year after Afghan authorities asked to



In this Thursday Aug. 12, 2021 file photo, Karim Ahmed Khan, International Criminal Court chief prosecutor, speaks during a news conference at the Ministry of Justice in the Khartoum, Sudan.

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take over the case. The ICC is a court of last resort, set up in 2002 to prosecute alleged atrocities in countries that cannot or will not bring perpetrators to justice — known as the principle of complementarity.

Khan said Monday that he now plans to focus on

crimes committed by the Taliban and the Afghan affiliate of the Islamic State group, adding that he will "deprioritize" other aspects of the investigation.

"The gravity, scale and continuing nature of alleged crimes by the Taliban and the Islamic State, which in-

clude allegations of indiscriminate attacks on civilians, targeted extrajudicial executions, persecution of women and girls, crimes against children and other crimes affecting the civilian population at large, demand focus and proper resources from my office, if

we are to construct credible cases capable of being proved beyond reasonable doubt in the courtroom," Khan said.

He made specific mention of the Aug. 26 attacks near Kabul's airport during the chaotic evacuations following the Taliban's take-over. The attacks killed dozens of Afghans and 13 U.S. troops.

On his decision to no longer prioritize other aspects of the probe, including allegations of crimes by Americans, Khan said his office "will remain alive to its evidence preservation responsibilities, to the extent they arise, and promote accountability efforts within the framework of the principle of complementarity."

In 2016, before seeking authorization to open a full-scale investigation in Afghanistan, ICC prosecutors said in a report that U.S. troops and the CIA may have tortured and mistreated people in detention facilities in Afghanistan, Poland, Romania and Lithuania. □

# Judge suspends probe into Lebanon port blast amid challenges

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The lead judge investigating last year's massive blast in Beirut's port suspended his work in the case Monday after a former Cabinet minister demanded his dismissal.

Judge Tarek Bitar, the second judge to lead the complicated and thorny investigation, canceled the questioning of a former military intelligence general, scheduled for Monday. The Court of Appeals now has to decide whether to dismiss him from the case or not.

Bitar's removal, if it happens, would likely be the final blow to the probe, making it highly unlikely that a third judge would take up the job amid threats by members of the country's political elite who have closed ranks in their effort to block the probe.

The development comes amid a growing campaign

by Lebanon's political class against Bitar, who took over the job in February after his predecessor, Fadi Sawwan, was removed following similar legal challenges by senior officials he had accused of negligence that led to the blast.

On Aug. 4, 2020, hundreds of tons of ammonium nitrate, a highly explosive material used in fertilizers that had been improperly stored in the port for years, exploded, killing at least 214 people, injuring more than 6,000 and devastating nearby neighborhoods.

Families of the victims of the explosion have already demanded an international probe, not trusting the Lebanese investigation. Lebanon is known for a culture of impunity that has prevailed for decades, including among the entrenched political elites.

The attempt to remove Bitar angered families of the vic-

tims who have been hoping that the judge would reveal who was responsible for bringing the material to the port and storing it in a port warehouse for years, as well as what caused the explosion described as one of the largest non-nuclear explosions in history.

"He was the best hope for Lebanese justice but they are torpedoing everything," said Mireille Bazergy Khoury, whose son Elias, 15, was killed by the explosion. She said the repeated lawsuits and challenges to the judge prove that those officials are implicated in the explosion.

"I can't find the words to capture how sad and frustrated I am. I feel like every time something like this happens, they kill me once again," Khoury said.

She said the families will try to legally challenge the obstruction attempts. "They killed my son, my daughter



Aftermath of a massive explosion is seen in Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020.

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was injured, my home was destroyed, my life is in ruins." Bitar in July announced his intention to go after senior Lebanese officials and summoned for questioning then-outgoing Prime Minister Hassan Diab, three former Cabinet ministers and top security officials.

None showed up for questioning; the parliament failed to lift immunity of

those summoned — a necessary step before any prosecution. Diab's office and then-interior minister, Mohamed Fehmi, declined to let Bitar question the heads of two security agencies.

On Friday, former Interior Minister Nuhad Machnouk, who was also implicated in the probe, filed a motion to dismiss the judge. □



# Pope recognizes errors as Mexico celebrates independence

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico celebrated a relatively little-known date Monday marking 200 years since the victory of the 1810-1821 independence movement. The commemorations included a message from Pope Francis acknowledging the errors of the Roman Catholic Church in supporting the old order.

Most Mexicans celebrate the anniversary of the start of the battle for independence, Sept. 16, 1810. But in fact, that uprising was largely quelled by the Spanish and their local royalist allies, Mexico's elite at the time. Guerrilla fighters largely carried on the independence fight in the mountains of southern Mexico after 1815.

It wasn't until a liberal government briefly came to power in Spain in 1820 that conservatives and royalists in Mexico City decided that independence was a better route. So they joined forces with the guerrilla fighters and rode into the capital on Sept. 27, 200 years ago, essentially ending the war.

Much like the indepen-



**Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador waves the national flag after giving the annual independence shout from the balcony of the National Palace to kick off subdued Independence Day celebrations amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, at the Zocalo in Mexico City, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021.**

**Associated Press**

dence victory in the United States, where the new nation was born with a mix of slave and free states, the strange alliance that won Mexico's freedom from Spain carried within it the seeds of a conflict that would have to be resolved

in the following decades. The liberals in Spain in 1820 wanted to limit the power of the king, threatening to do away with some privileges for the clergy and army that Mexico's elites enjoyed.

That led Agustín de Iturbide

and other royalist officers to change sides and join the rebels they had previously fought, and form the joint army of "the three guarantees" that rode into Mexico City in 1821.

The three guarantees, or promises, were indepen-

dence from Spain, the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church as the only one allowed in Mexico and the union of the former foes to end the fighting.

What the elites wanted — and continued to fight for until the 1860s — was a preservation of the old order, just without interference from liberal reformers in Spain. In fact, Iturbide was named emperor of newly independent Mexico and held that title until the presidency was established in 1823.

But that left unresolved conflicts over the enormous wealth and economic power of the church, and whether Mexico should have a king or not. Those conflicts would lead to Mexico's reform wars of the 1850s and the French invasion of the 1860s that set up the brief reign of Emperor Maximilian.

Prior to the confiscation of church landholdings in Mexico, the clergy controlled much of the land in perpetuity and were exempt from taxes, and conservatives tried to defend those privileges. □

# Indigenous Australian wants early pension due to short lives



**In this photo provided by Human Rights Law Centre, Dennis Fisher poses for a photo in Melbourne, Australia, in January 2021.**

**Associated Press**

**By ROD McGUIRK**

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**

— An Aboriginal man is taking Australia's government to court to argue that Indigenous people should have access to their pensions earlier than other Australians because their life

expectancy is years shorter. Dennis Fisher, 64, said on Monday he is taking the action to benefit other Indigenous Australians.

"A lot of us die at a young age," Fisher said. "If I can help my people somehow, yeah," he added.

The case was filed in Federal Court in Melbourne last Thursday by the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, the Human Rights Law Center and the multinational law firm DLA Piper.

The case will argue that Indigenous people should be able to access their pensions earlier to account for the gap in life expectancy until that gap is closed, Fisher's lawyers said in a statement.

Indigenous men have a life expectancy of 71 years and Indigenous women 75 years. That's 8.6 years shorter than other Australian men and 7.8 years shorter than other Australian women.

Australia's minimum pension age will increase to 67 by July 2023, six months more than the current age and a year older than it was in July 2019. The government is pressuring an

aging population to retire later.

Meena Singh, an Indigenous lawyer and senior adviser to the Human Rights Law Center, said Fisher's test case centers on Section 10 of the Racial Discrimination Act which deals with a group of people that has lesser rights than another group.

Social Services Minister Anne Ruston, who is responsible for pensions, said in a statement her government's "number one priority is working with Indigenous communities to make the real and practical changes necessary to achieve better life outcomes for Indigenous Australians."

She pointed to the government's pledge in August to spend 1.1 billion Australian dollars (\$813 million) to address Indigenous disadvantages, including compensation to thousands of

mixed-race children who were taken from their families over decades.

Indigenous Australians account for 3% of the population and have poorer health, lower education levels and shorter life expectancies than other ethnic groups. Indigenous adults account for 2% of the Australian population and 27% of the prison population.

Fisher has worked since he was 10, first on a dairy farm that was designed to train Indigenous children to become agricultural laborers. He was among an estimated 10,000 Indigenous workers who claimed their wages were stolen by the Queensland state government between 1939 and 1972. The government settled a class action in 2019 and Fisher received a share of the AU\$190 million (\$138 million) payout. □



# The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of August 2021.

## Consumer Price Index for the month of August 2021

The CPI for August 2021 is 98.84, an increase of 0.3% compared to the index of July 2021 (98.53) and accumulating an increase of 1.8% up to and including August of this year. The percentage change of the CPI over the last twelve (12) months (August 2020 to August 2021) is 1.4, an increase of 3.9 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-2.5%). The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period August 2020 - August 2021 is -1.1%, a decrease of 2.0 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the period August 2019 - August 2020 (0.9%). During this month, seven (7) of the twelve (12) sectors registered increases in prices. The increases that had the greatest influence on the CPI were registered for the "Household operation" (1.7%) and "Restaurants and hotels" (0.9%) sectors, which contributed with an effect of 0.15 and 0.13 ppts, respectively. The increases in the remaining sectors had an effect of 0.34 ppts on the CPI of August 2021. Aforementioned increases were mainly partially offset by decreases in the indices for the "Housing" (-0.6%) and "Clothing and footwear" (-3.6%) sectors, causing an effect of -0.15 and -0.09 ppts, respectively. The decreases in the remaining sectors had an effect of -0.07 ppts on the CPI of August 2021. The increase in the "Household operation" sector was mainly due to increases in the categories "Tools and equipment for house and garden" (16.9%) and "Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings" (8.0%), which contributed to an effect of 0.10 and 0.08 ppts, respectively. The increase in the "Restaurants and hotels" sec-

tor was mainly due to an increase in the category "Accommodation services" (150.4%), which contributed to an effect of 0.09 ppts. The decrease in the "Housing" sector was mainly due to a decrease in the category "Maintenance and repair of the dwelling" (-2.7%), which contributed to an effect of -0.15 ppts. The decrease in the "Clothing and footwear" sector was mainly caused by a decrease of 3.8% in the category "Clothing", which contributed to an effect of -0.08 ppts.

## Consumption basket

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 408 goods and services. Compared to July 2021, 46.6% of these products had an increase in price, causing an effect of 1.27 ppts, while 37.7% showed a decrease, contributing to an effect of -0.95 ppts and the remaining 15.7% had no change in price. The prices of goods increased by 0.4% and caused an influence of 0.23 ppts. The prices of services showed an increase of 0.2% and had an influence of 0.09 ppts on the CPI of August 2021.

## Core inflation

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect of energy and food - was 0.2% in August 2021. The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - was 0.6%. The food index showed an increase of 0.7%.

## Subsistence level

The subsistence level for a household consisting of two (2) adults and two (2) children (aged 0-15 years) in August 2021 is Afl. 4,817, an increase of Afl. 36 compared to August 2020 (Afl. 4,781). The subsistence level for a single adult household is Afl. 2,294, an increase of Afl. 18 compared to August 2020 (Afl. 2,276).

## Change in prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel in August 2021

The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In August 2021 the average price per barrel of crude oil (US\$ 67.62) had a decrease of US\$ 4.99 (-6.9%) compared to July 2021 (US\$ 72.61). The prices of electricity and water did not change compared to July 2021. Subsequently, the average electricity price per household remained at Afl. 240.09, while the average price of water per household remained at Afl. 137.05. In August 2021 the price of gasoline registered an increase of Afl. 5.00 cents (2.2%) and had an effect of 0.10 ppts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered an increase of Afl. 0.60 cents (0.3%) and had an insignificant effect on the CPI of August 2021. In August 2021, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group showed an increase in price of 0.6% compared to July 2021, and had an influence of 0.11 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining 404 goods and services, as a group, show an increase of 0.2% and had an effect of 0.21 ppts on the CPI.

## Change in prices of Food & catering services in August 2021

The "Food & catering services" index showed an increase of 0.7% in August 2021, after an increase of 0.7% in July 2021. The index for "Food at home" showed an increase of 0.6% in August, as nine (9) of the eleven (11) "Food at home" indices increased in August 2021. The "Potatoes and other tubers" index registered the largest increase (6.2%) in August 2021. Furthermore, increases were posted in the indices for "Oils and fats" (5.3%), "Fish and other seafood" (2.2%), "Vegetables" (0.9%) and



"Milk, cheese and eggs" (0.8%). The "Fruit" (-1.1%) index registered the largest decrease in August 2021. Furthermore, a decrease was posted in the index for "Non-alcoholic beverages" (-0.2%). Over the last twelve (12) months, the "Food & catering services" has increased by 0.9%. The "Food at home" index showed an increase of 0.4%. The "Oils and fats" index increased by 4.2%, the largest increase among the "Food at home" food groups, while the "Vegetables" index decreased by 5.8%, the largest de-

crease among the "Food at home" food groups. The index for "Food away from home" increased by 0.7% in August 2021 and has increased by 2.0% over the last twelve (12) months. In August 2021, "Food at home" and "Food away from home" as a group showed an increase in price of 0.7% compared to July 2021, and had an effect of 0.10 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining goods and services, as a group, experienced an increase in price of 0.3%, causing an effect of 0.21 ppts on the CPI. □

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in your police career”, Minister of Justice Rocco Tjon stated.

### Group 2021

The Minister also gave a speech to Group 2021, which starts their study at the police academy. Group 2020 was selected from more than 500 applicants, so they were reminded to make good use of this opportunity. Not only will they be a part of a dynamic and professional organization, but also a family.

The Minister remarked that the police academy is

in the heart of the Police Force and the instructors have vast knowledge and expertise.

The plan to privatize and convert the police academy into a justice academy will start soon. This academy will ensure that training for the existing personal will proceed faster, but will also provide courses to the public sector (for example special investigating civil servant - bijzonder opsporingsambtenaar). It will also provide training for the private sector (safety and security)



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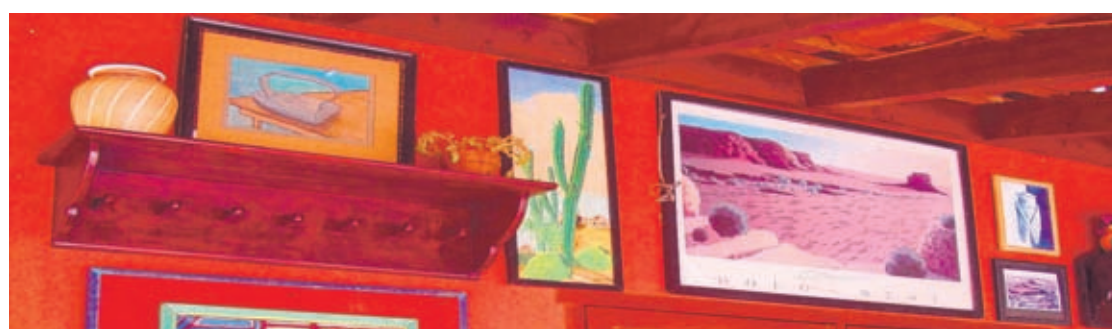
## Cultural legacy

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sible, something should be given in exchange or return for these. Furthermore, the spiritual leaders of the tribe (mistakenly called by the white "shamans") were believed to be capable of communicating with the spirit world.

Although writing systems existed before the arrival of the colonists, the indigenous people did

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# Small islands caught between tourism economy, climate change

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Come visit the Maldives, its president entreated the world at this year's United Nations General Assembly, moments before switching to an impassioned plea for help combating climate change. The adjacent appeals illustrated a central dilemma for many small island developing states: their livelihoods, or their lives?

The United Nations recognizes 38 member states, scattered across the world's waters, as small island developing states grouped together because they face "unique social, economic and environmental challenges."

This bloc is particularly vulnerable to climate change. This bloc is also particularly dependent on tourism — a significant driver of climate change, accountable for 8% of global carbon dioxide emissions alone, according to sustainable tourism expert Stefan Gössling — and an industry devastated by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The predicament these islands find themselves in is essentially recursive: Attract tourism for economic survival, which in turn contributes to climate change, which in turn bleaches the colorful reefs and destroys the pristine beaches that attract tourists. As is, by the end of the century, these low-lying islands could drown entirely.

"The difference between 1.5 degrees and 2 degrees is a death sentence for the Maldives," President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih told the U.N. General Assembly last week.

The annual summit is an opportunity for each of the international body's 193 members to step into the spotlight on the world stage. But the Maldives — perhaps best known globally as an Indian Ocean playground for moneyed honeymooners and Bollywood celebrities — had a particularly high-profile platform this year. Its foreign minister is serving as the General Assembly's president and Solih was



**Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih takes off his mask to address the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters in New York on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021.**  
Associated Press

speaking third overall — just after U.S. President Joe Biden.

But the climate change appeals are nothing new, made year after year as these islands are pummeled by storms and the seas rise like a "slow-moving killer," as Colgate University's April Baptiste puts it. Baptiste, a professor of environmental studies as well as Africana and Latin American studies, researches environmental justice in the Caribbean region. She says the island states' appeals had gone ignored for years because they were essentially seen as "dispensable." With little land, political power and financial capital, it was easy to overlook their plight. These are also islands with a history of exploitation that dates back centuries and states whose full-time residents — not tourists — are primarily Black and brown.

"You have that layer of race, racism, marginality to take into consideration," she said. "I absolutely believe that's at the heart of the conversation as to why small island developing states are not taken seriously."

People and governments have taken matters into their own hands over recent years.

One man from the island nation of Kiribati sought ref-

ugee status in New Zealand on the basis that climate change posed an existential threat to his homeland, though he was eventually deported. This past week, Vanuatu announced it would seek to bring climate change before the International Court of Justice. Although largely symbolic — any ruling would not be legally binding — the move, as intended by the government, seeks to clarify international law.

Last month, a group of Pacific island nations — contending with encroaching saltwater that destroys crops and pollutes freshwater supplies — took the step of declaring their traditional sea boundaries would remain intact, even if their coastlines shrank beneath the waves.

Gössling, a professor at Sweden's Linnaeus University School of Business and Economics, and Daniel Scott, a geography and environmental management professor at Canada's University of Waterloo, are two creators of the Climate Change Vulnerability Index for Tourism. With the aim of bringing the issue to policymakers' attention, they identified the countries with tourism economies most at risk from climate change. The small island developing states made up a substantial portion of the list.

"The Maldives identified this years ago and they pointed out: 'We're going to continue our tourism development, because that's the only way we can make money in the next couple decades before our islands are lost,'" Scott said.

For the small island developing states, this central climate change tension between lives and livelihood is mirrored in their response to the coronavirus pandemic. To prevent the virus' spread and save lives, they closed their borders, and their tourism-focused economies were accordingly ravaged over the past 18 months.

Mauritius isn't wholly dependent on tourism, but that sector does make up a significant amount of its foreign revenue, the permanent representative to the United Nations for the tiny Indian Ocean island east of Madagascar says. Its borders fully reopen in October, and Jagdish Koonjul said Mauritius hopes to attract 650,000 tourists between then and next summer.

Mauritius, Koonjul said, is "very lucky" compared to others in the bloc because of its economic diversification, relatively high land and coral reef that prevents erosion.

But it's not safe from climate change. Mauritius and oth-

er small island developing states are looking to the bigger, more industrialized countries to buy into an ambitious commitment at the upcoming United Nations climate conference in Glasgow.

"We miss this train now, and we are doomed," Koonjul said.

The scores of speeches at this year's U.N. General Assembly tended to follow a rubric. They opened with pleasantries directed at the General Assembly's president and then touched on a laundry list of topics: perhaps a pet issue, but definitely conflict, coronavirus and climate change. The rhetoric often blended together, but the speeches from the leaders of the small island developing states — with the most to lose in the near future — stood out with stark eloquence echoing Koonjul.

"Will Tuvalu remain a member state of the U.N. if it is finally submerged? Who will help us?" asked Kausea Natano, the prime minister of the Pacific Ocean country, on Saturday.

The states had specific asks, including immediate and significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions, debt restructuring and financial assistance — especially given the impact of the coronavirus on their tourism-dependent economies.

"Industrialized countries have an obligation to assist the states most affected by climate change because they created a problem in the first instance," Gaston Browne, prime minister of the Caribbean Sea's Antigua and Barbuda, said Saturday.

The same day, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves cast the major powers' actions thus far as little more than "pious mouthings and marginal tinkering."

"On this, humanity is at the midnight hour. Can we meet the challenge? We may not live to find out the answer if the usual continues," the Caribbean nation's premier said. □



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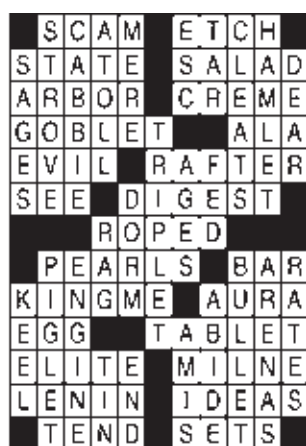
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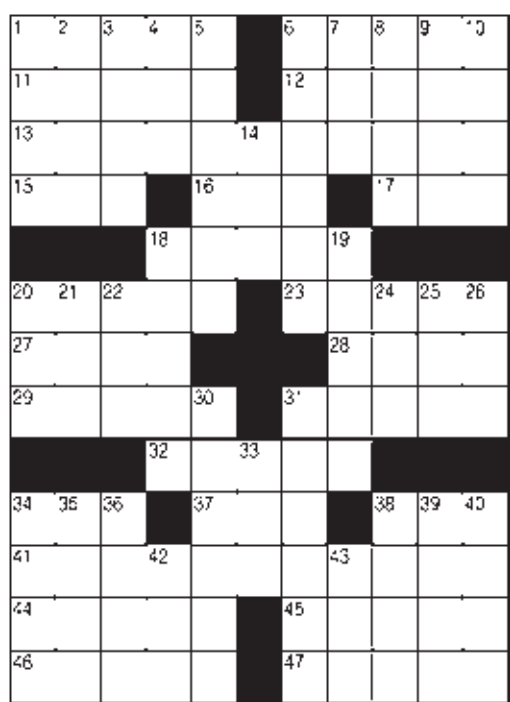
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## Rolling Stones open American tour, pay tribute to drummer



Ronnie Wood, from left, Mick Jagger, Steve Jordan and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones perform during the "No Filter" tour at The Dome at America's Center, Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

By JIM SALTER

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**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — The Rolling Stones are touring again, this time without their heartbeat, or at least their backbeat.

The legendary rockers launched their pandemic-delayed "No Filter" tour Sunday at the Dome at America's Center in St. Louis without their drummer of nearly six decades. It was clear from the outset just how much the band members — and the fans — missed Charlie Watts, who died last month at age 80. Except for a private show in Massachusetts last week, the St. Louis concert was their first since Watts' death. The show opened with an empty stage and only a drumbeat, with photos of Watts flashing on the video board. After the second song, a rousing rendition of "It's Only Rock 'N' Roll (But I Like It)," Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood came to the front of the stage. Jagger and Richards clasped hands as they thanked fans for the outpouring of support and love for Watts. Jagger acknowledged it was emotional seeing the photos of Watts.

"This is our first-ever tour we've ever done without him," Jagger said. "We'll miss Charlie so much, on and off the stage."

The band then dedicated

"Tumbling Dice" to Watts.

The tour had been scheduled for 2020 before the coronavirus virtually shut down the touring industry. Signs of the pandemic were everywhere at the show in Missouri, a state hit hard by the virus's delta variant.

The tens of thousands of fans wore masks as required by St. Louis' anti-virus protocol. The Stones themselves appeared in a public service announcement urging anyone with symptoms to stay home. A vaccination site was set up at the dome, with plans for similar sites at each tour stop.

The concert itself featured the same driving beat personified by Watts, thanks to his replacement, Steve Jordan. The drummer may be new to fans but he's hardly new to the Stones — Jordan has performed for years with Richards' side project, X-Pensive Winos, along with many other leading acts. Still, die-hard fans couldn't help but miss Watts, widely

considered one of rock's greatest drummers, even though his real love was jazz. He joined Jagger and Richards in the Rolling Stones in 1963. Wood joined in 1975.

For Laura Jezewski, 62, of Omaha, Nebraska, seeing the Stones without Watts was bittersweet.

"It's really sad," she said. "He's the first of the old Stones to pass away."

The show featured the band's long litany of hits. Jagger hardly looked like a 78-year-old man, strutting around the stage like a man half — or one-third of his age; a constant whirl of motion. His vocals, and the guitar work of Wood and Richards, sounded as good as ever.

After St. Louis, the tour will include stops in Charlotte, North Carolina; Pittsburgh; Nashville, Tennessee; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Tampa, Florida; Dallas; Atlanta; Detroit; and ending in Austin, Texas, on Nov. 20. The band also added new dates in Los Angeles on Oct. 14 and Oct. 17, and a concert in Las Vegas on Nov. 6.

Jezewski and her 60-year-old husband, Brad, brought their 30-year-old daughter, Sarah, to St. Louis for the concert. It was Sarah's first chance to see the Rolling Stones. Her mom and dad have seen them in various places — Ames, Iowa; Boulder, Colorado; Denver; even Wichita, Kansas — dating back to the 1970s. With the surviving band members well into their 70s, the Jezewskis didn't want to miss this chance.

"If it is their last time — we're here," Brad Jezewski said. "And if there's another tour, we'll be there, too." □

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# Analysis: U.S. has to win in Europe to turn tide in Ryder Cup

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

**SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP)** —

Europe had players who weren't even born the last time it was beaten this badly in the Ryder Cup by what was clearly a superior American team on Midwestern soil.

This wasn't Sunday at Whistling Straits.

This was five years ago at Hazeltine, where the 17-11 outcome suggested the Ryder Cup was turning in favor of the Americans. Darren Clarke was the captain in 2016 and he pledged Europe would "be back stronger to fight" in two years.

That's exactly what happened.

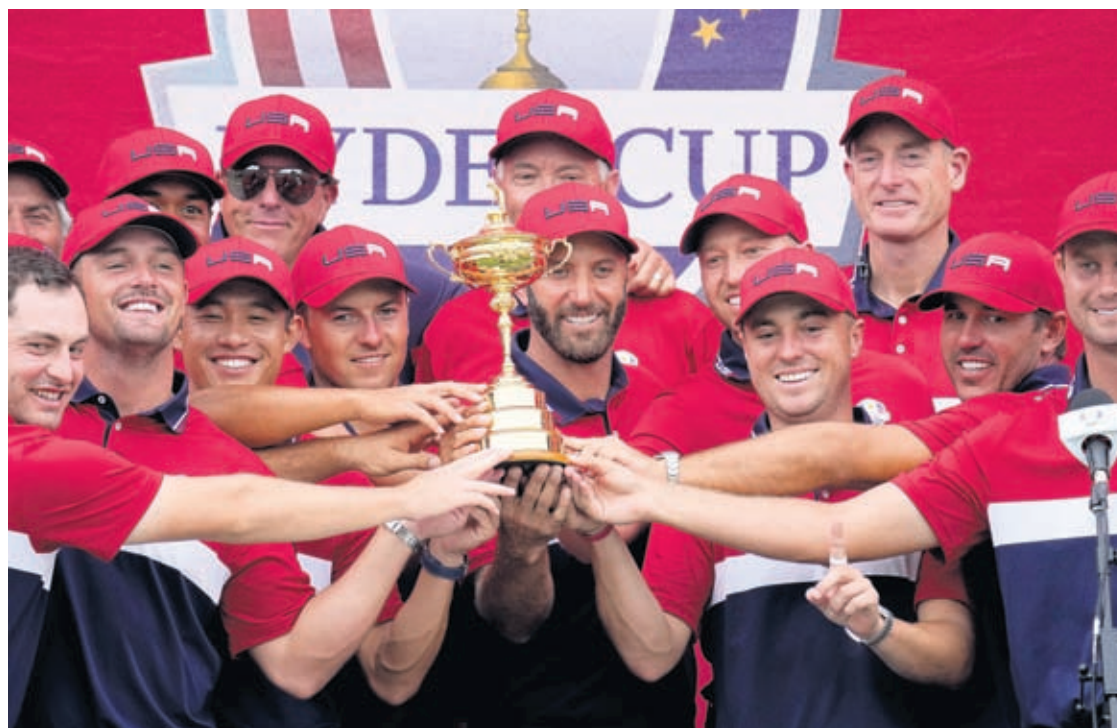
So while the Americans looked better than ever — "the greatest team of all time," U.S. captain Steve Stricker said in a moment of exuberance — their 19-9 victory was only a step, even if it felt like a giant leap.

Not only was it the biggest blowout against Europe since it joined in 1979, it equaled the largest margin in any Ryder Cup since 1975.

The big picture? Nothing matters until Italy in 2023.

Rory McIlroy, even after his least productive Ryder Cup performance inside the ropes, didn't sound overly concerned.

"It seems the way the Ry-



**Team USA players and captains pose with the trophy after the Ryder Cup matches at the Whistling Straits Golf Course Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, in Sheboygan, Wis.**

der Cup is going, the home team certainly has an advantage every time that we play this thing," McIlroy said. "That was apparent in Paris a couple years ago. I think it was pretty apparent this week, as well."

The difference is the makeup of this American team. More than just being the youngest U.S. team ever for a Ryder Cup — average age 29 — they were not part of a recycled group of Americans who still have, "Ole, ole, ole, ole" ringing in their heads from hearing it so often after losing so much.

And it even goes further than that.

The nickname "Patty Ice" is not just for Patrick Cantlay's big moments with the putter. He is cold-blooded when it comes to winning and losing. So is his best friend, Xander Schauffele, no matter how nonchalant he appears beneath that look that oozes California chill.

Daniel Berger? He made his team debut in the Presidents Cup in 2017, when the U.S. crushed the International side so badly it was a match away from clinching before getting to singles. Berger showed no mercy and about as much class when he said, "I hope that we close them out to-

day and we go out there tomorrow and beat them even worse."

The Ryder Cup had been decided for well over an hour Sunday at Whistling Straits.

Berger was in the final match, which was meaningless except for the official score. He was 1 down to Matt Fitzpatrick until winning two of the last three holes to get the point.

"One thing we all share in common is we hate losing," Schauffele said. "I think I can speak for everyone on that one."

That should be enough to give McIlroy pause.

"There's phenomenal talent

on that team," McIlroy said. "I think the most important thing for the U.S. team is a lot of young guys that are great players have bought into the Ryder Cup. I think that was probably missing in previous generations."

"They are going to be formidable opposition from now until I'm probably not playing Ryder Cups, whenever that is, in hopefully 20 years' time."

Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Jordan Spieth are the only players left from that winning Ryder Cup team at Hazeltine. Only one other player, Rickie Fowler, made it to the next one.

How many of the Americans will be at Marco Simone outside Rome in 2023? It might not matter. Patrick Reed was left behind this year, primarily because of questions about his health and stamina. Sam Burns was very much in the mix for a captain's pick until the last minute. There is no shortage of talented Americans in the pipeline.

It was reminiscent of 2006 at The K Club in Ireland, where Europe won by the same margin (18 1/2 to 9 1/2) for the second straight year. Its captain, Ian Woosnam, said Europe was strong enough that it could have taken the next 12 players in line and gotten the same result. And he was probably right. □

## Dominican boxer out of London hospital, in 'good condition'



**Britain's Callum Smith, left, knocks down Dominican Republic's Lenin Castillo during their Light-Heavyweight contest at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, in London, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021.**

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By **STEVE DOUGLAS**

**MANCHESTER, England (AP)**

— The Dominican boxer who was hospitalized after a brutal knockout on the undercard to the Anthony Joshua-Oleksandr Usyk fight was in a "good condition," his boxing manager said on Monday.

Lenin Castillo's legs appeared to spasm after he hit the canvas following a big punch by British opponent Callum Smith in the second round of their light-heavyweight fight at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Saturday. Castillo was carried out of the ring on a stretcher and taken to a hospital in London.

Event promoter Eddie

Hearn alleviated some initial concern by saying an hour after the incident that the 33-year-old Castillo was "responsive."

Castillo's manager, Raul Pastrana, has told The Associated Press that Castillo has been released from the hospital.

"He is (in) good condition!!!" Pastrana said in a text message on Monday. "He was released 3 hours after the KO. They completed a (scan) and everything was OK."

Pastrana said Castillo was still in London.

The knockout happened in the second round of the

fight and referee Bob Williams called off the fight as soon as he saw Castillo on the canvas. Smith jumped on the ropes in celebration but quickly stopped in concern for his opponent.

"I apologized to his camp for celebrating," Smith said on Saturday. "I hadn't realized the extent and that he was unresponsive. I hate when fighters celebrate when their opponent is in a bad way so I apologized."

"If it was one of my brothers lying there and an opponent celebrated, I wouldn't have liked it. It's sport at the end of the day — there's more to life than boxing." □



# Shohei Ohtani ends his brilliant season hungry for winning

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) —

Shohei Ohtani pitched seven innings of one-run ball in his final game at Angel Stadium this season, striking out 10 Mariners amid the serenades of "M-V-P!" that have been the soundtrack to his summer.

Yet he left the mound with the score tied because his Los Angeles Angels teammates couldn't score more than one run, denying Ohtani a chance for his 10th victory. When the Angels' bullpen took over, its first two relievers swiftly surrendered four runs to play-off-contending Seattle in a 5-1 loss.

That sunny Sunday in Orange County neatly exemplified the gloomy context around the sensational season put together by Ohtani, a two-way superstar without precedent in the modern game.

Heading into the final week, Ohtani has 45 homers and 98 RBIs as a designated hitter along with a 3.18 ERA and 156 strikeouts on the mound. He is both one of the best pitchers and one of the best hitters in the major leagues, and he is widely expected to win his first AL MVP award this fall.

But baseball won't get to



Los Angeles Angels pitcher Shohei Ohtani throws to home plate during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, in Anaheim, Calif. The Mariners won 5-1.

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enjoy Ohtani's talents in the postseason because he plays for the Angels, a big-budget franchise mired in six consecutive losing seasons and seven straight non-playoff seasons, including all four of Ohtani's stateside campaigns. The Halos' loss to Seattle in their home finale was their 82nd of the season, officially extending the majors' longest active streak of losing.

"It's very frustrating, very disappointing," Ohtani said

through his interpreter, Ippei Mizuhara. "I always look forward to being in the playoff race at the end. I always think about that." The Angels have two works of baseball art, and owner Arte Moreno has hung them in a dingy, derelict gallery: Mike Trout has won two of his three MVP awards during the Angels' six-year losing skid, and Ohtani is likely to win the third.

Ohtani is tied to the Angels for two more seasons un-

der the terms of his move from Japan to the majors in late 2017, but he hasn't had extension talks with the franchise beyond 2023. It's a bit too early to predict his future, but Ohtani clearly wants the Angels to get better soon — and he is unafraid to say it.

"I really like the team, I love the fans and the atmosphere of the team," Ohtani said. "But more than that, I want to win. That's the biggest thing for me. So

I'll leave it at that."

Ohtani was the third prominent member of the Angels in the past week to publicly call out the team's personnel failures, particularly on a pitching staff that has been one of the majors' louisiest for years.

Trout, who hasn't played since May due to a nagging calf injury, and manager Joe Maddon both condemned the Halos' largely ineffective roster-building work in recent years under two general managers.

"This can't continue to go on," Maddon said. "We can't annually be in this position. This organization is better than that. We deserve better than that."

Four years after Ohtani chose the Angels, he has already played for three managers and two general managers. He still won the AL Rookie of the Year award before battling back from Tommy John surgery to become a unique star.

The current Angels appeared to have an imposing lineup, but their three highest-paid players all battled injuries. Trout and Anthony Rendon combined to play in just 94 games, and Justin Upton only made it through 89 while batting .211. □

# Chiefs' Reid released from hospital, plans to see team soon

By DAVE SKRETTA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

Chiefs coach Andy Reid was released from the hospital Monday after he felt ill and was taken by ambulance to be treated for dehydration following their 30-24 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers the previous day. Chiefs spokesman Ted Crews said that Reid was "in great spirits" and that he planned to visit the practice facility later in the day or Tuesday. In the meantime, the Chiefs spent the day breaking down film and going through their normal Monday meetings with coordinators Steve Spagnuolo, Eric Bieniemy and Dave Toub in charge.

"He's doing well," Crews said. "You guys know him almost as well as me and he's chomping at the bit." Reid coached the duration of the game Sunday, which was played in unseasonably warm temperatures that topped 90 degrees. He also addressed the team in the locker room afterward, then was examined by the Chiefs medical staff before the decision was made to send him to The University of Kansas Hospital for testing and observation. The 63-year-old Reid is expected to coach Sunday when the Chiefs visit Philadelphia.

"I'm just looking forward to him getting back in the

building," Bieniemy said.

The Chiefs did not provide any details about Reid's illness, but quarterback Patrick Mahomes said his coach "seemed fine on the sideline" and that he "came in and talked to us and seemed fine" after the game.

Asked what Reid said afterward, running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire replied: "Pretty much it's not going to be over the top as far as him getting on us. We know what we did wrong. We know what we need to get corrected."

"He came and told us — it's not necessarily going to be all right, but it's things that we can get fixed that can



Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid argues a call during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers, Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo.

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make it all right. That's what we need to go in and handle tomorrow. That's what it is," Edwards-Helaire added.

"Watch the film tonight, see what we can get corrected, come in tomorrow and handle our business." □



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